



LOCKWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 221, Volcano, CA 95689

January 18, 2006

Fair Political Practices Commission

Attn: Liane Randolph

Via Fax: 916-327-2026

Re: AB 1234 Requirements

The Lockwood Fire Protection District, herein after referred to as LFPD, is concerned about the requirements of AB 1234. Any expenditure imposed upon LFPD to fulfill the requirements would present a hardship on the District.

The LFPD is an all-volunteer fire department in Amador County, comprised of 15 volunteer firefighters, a five member Board of Directors and an Auxiliary organization providing fund raising events to augment the budget. We provide emergency services to approximately 1400 residences, more than 2,800 individuals. We operate with a small budget from yearly tax assessment fee of \$70.00 per improved parcel and \$35.00 per unimproved parcel as well as donations from the public.

Our budget is strained with more regulations and requirements being passed by government officials. Recently, OSHA changed their safety regulations requiring all firefighter turn-outs be replaced every five years. Each turn-out costs our District \$2500.00 minimum.

We do not object to Ethics training. We believe the training will be most beneficial to our officials. However, we do respectfully request an avenue be provided to obtain training at no cost.

Sincerely,

Jackie Vaughn, President

Board of Directors

Lockwood Fire Protection District

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